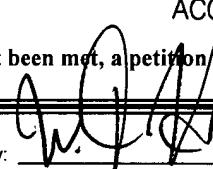


<small>FORM PTO 1390 (REV 5-93)</small> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <small>US DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</small> </div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371 </p>		<p style="text-align: center;">ATTORNEY DOCKET NUMBER 2006_0522A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 7 CFR 1.5) NEW 10/575550</p>
International Application No. PCT/JP2004/015164	International Filing Date October 14, 2004	Priority Date Claimed October 22, 2003
Title of Invention BORING DEVICE AND BORING METHOD		
Applicant(s) For DO/EO/US Teruie TAKEMASU et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.		
2. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. §371.		
3. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. §371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. §371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).		
4. <input type="checkbox"/> A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.		
5. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is transmitted herewith. ATTACHMENT A b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US) 		
6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(2)). ATTACHMENT B		
7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(3)). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been transmitted by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 		
8. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19.		
9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(4)). ATTACHMENT C		
10. <input type="checkbox"/> A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. §371(c)(5)).		
Items 11. to 14. below concern other document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. ATTACHMENT D		
12. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.		
ATTACHMENT E		
13. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A FIRST preliminary amendment. ATTACHMENT F <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment. 		
14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Form PCT/IB/304. ATTACHMENT G		
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15. [X] The following fees are submitted		CALCULATIONS		PTO USE ONLY
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National Stage Examination Fee		\$200.00		
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ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =		\$900.00		
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).		\$		
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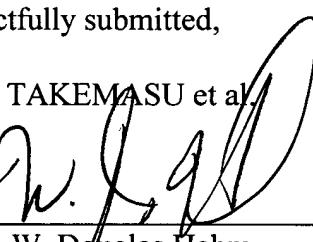
Sir:

The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney includes both Japanese language text and English language text. The English language text constitutes an accurate translation of the Japanese language text.

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